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pigtail is changed. By changing this orientation, any stress-induced PER degradation associated with the fiber can be compensated. --

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-5 and amend claim 16, as follows:

1. (cancelled)
2. (cancelled)
3. (cancelled)
4. (cancelled)
5. (cancelled)

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16. (amended) A process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the step of securing the endface of the optical fiber to the package comprises bonding the optical fiber to a mounting structure.

Remarks:

Claims 6-19 are pending in this application. Claim 16 has been amended in various particulars as indicated hereinabove. Claims 1-5 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Turning now to the specification and the objections to the drawings, please note that the Applicants have generally reviewed the application and corrected a number of grammatical errors. Further, the drawings and the specification have been reviewed especially in light of the objections to the drawings in paragraphs 1-8 of the pending Office Action. Generally, the objections to the drawings have been addressed by amendments to the specification, which have hopefully removed the basis for the objections.